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Ypsi Bloom Studio & Gallery closes Aug. 29, with celebration

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Cellar Roots Editor in Chief

Local business,Ypsi Bloom Studio & Gallery announced via a newsletter that it will close its doors on August 29.

A celebration, expressing gratitude to the community for the continued support, is scheduled for August 29.

Co-founders of Ypsi Bloom and local artists Alexandria Daniels and Amanda May Moore partnered to bring the Ypsilanti community a space for local artists to come and create and for art lovers to support local artists.

"We wanted to create a space where artists of all backgrounds, all mediums, and all skill levels felt comfortable approaching," Daniels said.

"Or a gallery with grit," Moore said.

Ypsi Bloom opened in May 2024 with its inaugural exhibition, "Bloom," with support from the community. After the announcement, that same community is feeling bittersweet due to the loss of an inclusive, creative space.

"There's this sadness and disappointment, but there's also this overwhelming support of us doing what we need to do," Daniels said.

As independent artists, Daniels and Moore said they have found it to be more difficult than expected to continue blooming as artists while maintaining a brick-and-mortar shop.

"It's hard to be able to create and do new things as an artist if you have an anchored space," Moore said.

Though Ypsi Bloom is closing, the pair stresses the importance of supporting local artists and small businesses and putting energy into the Ypsilanti community.

"This was a big leap to take and we went for it," Daniels said. "I'm happy to say that we did it."

Throughout August, the exhibition "From the River to the Sea," will remain on display and Ypsi Bloom will continue to host workshops and events.

"We've pushed the envelope. With this show itself, we are speaking peace. Ypsi Bloom has been a way to facilitate conversation in the community," Moore said.

Individually, Daniels, @bohohazeclay on Instagram, creates jewelry with polymer clay and resin, and Moore, @amandamaymoore on Instagram, is a printmaker.

To keep up with Ypsi Bloom, follow their Instagram, @ypsi.bloom.studio, and for more information about their final events visit their website, www.ypsibloom.com.

Co-founders of Ypsi Bloom and local artists Alexandria Daniels and Amanda May Moore paint each other's portraits at Ypsi Bloom's date night in the gallery July 19. Madison Cantrell / *The Eastern Echo*

Economist Thomas Traynor takes the reins as interim dean for the College of Business

Colae Eason
News Reporter

Eastern Michigan University has named Thomas Traynor as the new interim dean of the College of Business.

Traynor started his position on Aug. 15 and will serve until the school's national search for a new dean is complete.

Traynor is expected to focus on programming and accreditation for the College of Business while assisting with the transition to find a permanent dean, according to Interim Associate Provost and Vice President of Academic Programs and Initiatives Doris Fields.

"Based on his background, experience, and expertise, I think he will be a wonderful dean to help us during this transition," Fields said.

Traynor has served as the Raj Soin College of Business dean at Wright State University in Ohio.

"Wright State University is similar to Eastern Michigan University," Fields said. "The student body parallels Eastern so his experience makes him a good asset."

Traynor received his doctorate in economics from Purdue University and worked at Wright State University for over 35 years, according to Fields.

"He began his career as an assistant professor, and along the way, he received several promotions, including professor, department head of economics, associate dean for graduate programs, and of course, dean," Fields said.

The school is set to start a national search for a permanent dean once Traynor is accustomed to his position.

"After we put a national call out, we have a search committee that will look at the applications, develop questions, and essentially go through an entire interview process to fill the position," Fields said.

Fields said that students in the College of Business shouldn't be affected by the change at all.

"I think because the faculty and associate deans are in place, there will be little to no impact on students," Fields said. "His job isn't to create anything new, but rather to make sure everything transitions smoothly."

Students will be involved in the selection process for a permanent dean down the line, Fields said.

"Once the candidates are narrowed down, they will be asked to come on campus," Fields said. "They will have several interviews in which they will meet with students and faculty, and students will be asked to give feedback on a potential dean."

The previous dean of the College of Business, Kenneth Lord, retired effective July 31.

"He did a lot for the College of Business," Fields said. "We want to thank Dean Lord for his leadership over the past six years. The school was recognized in several national and global program rankings due to his efforts."

'It Ends with Us' leaves fans in tears

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Review

Best-selling novel "It Ends with Us" by Colleen Hoover comes to theaters showing fans the beautiful story of Lily Bloom. This film features Blake Lively as Lily, Justin Baldoni as Ryle, and Brandon Sklenar as Atlas. It is full of heartbreak, abuse, and strength.

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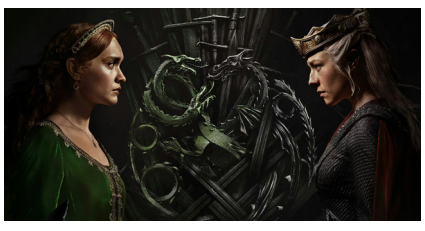

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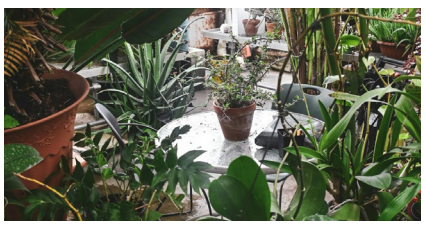

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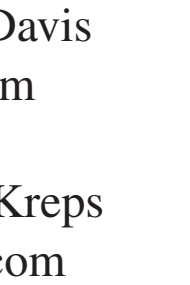
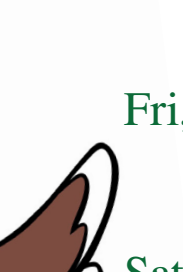
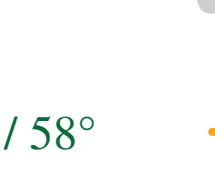
TAI CHI CLASS – NINE HEAVENS HEALING ARTS - RIVERSIDE ARTS CENTER DANCE STUDIO: 6-7 P.M. GRADUATE SCHOOL ORIENTATION ZOOM 5:30-6:30 P.M. 	SUMMER ADULT HIKES: BUMBLEBEES NORTHFIELD WOODS PRESERVE 2-3:30 P.M. CPR, AED, AND FIRST AID TRAINING HALLE LIBRARY ROOM 300 9 A.M.-12 P.M. 	DEPOT TOWN CRUISE NIGHTS EAST CROSS ST. 5-9 P.M. ECH0LABS LIGHT INDUSTRIES PRESENTS: THE FALLOUT SHELTER 734 BREWING COMPANY 7:30 P.M. TO 12:00 A.M. 	JOHN E. LAWRENCE SUMMER JAZZ SERIES FORD LAKE PARK 7-9 P.M. 	MICHIGAN FIREHOUSE MUSEUM FIRE TRUCK MUSTER RIVERSIDE PARK 10 A.M. - 2 P.M. PARKRIDGE SUMMERFEST & JOE DULIN COMMUNITY DAY PARKRIDGE PARK 	THE ART OF PROCESS: LONGING + BELONGING TOP FLOOR RIVERSIDE ARTS CENTER 9 A.M. - 4 P.M 	FALL SEMESTER BEGINS 

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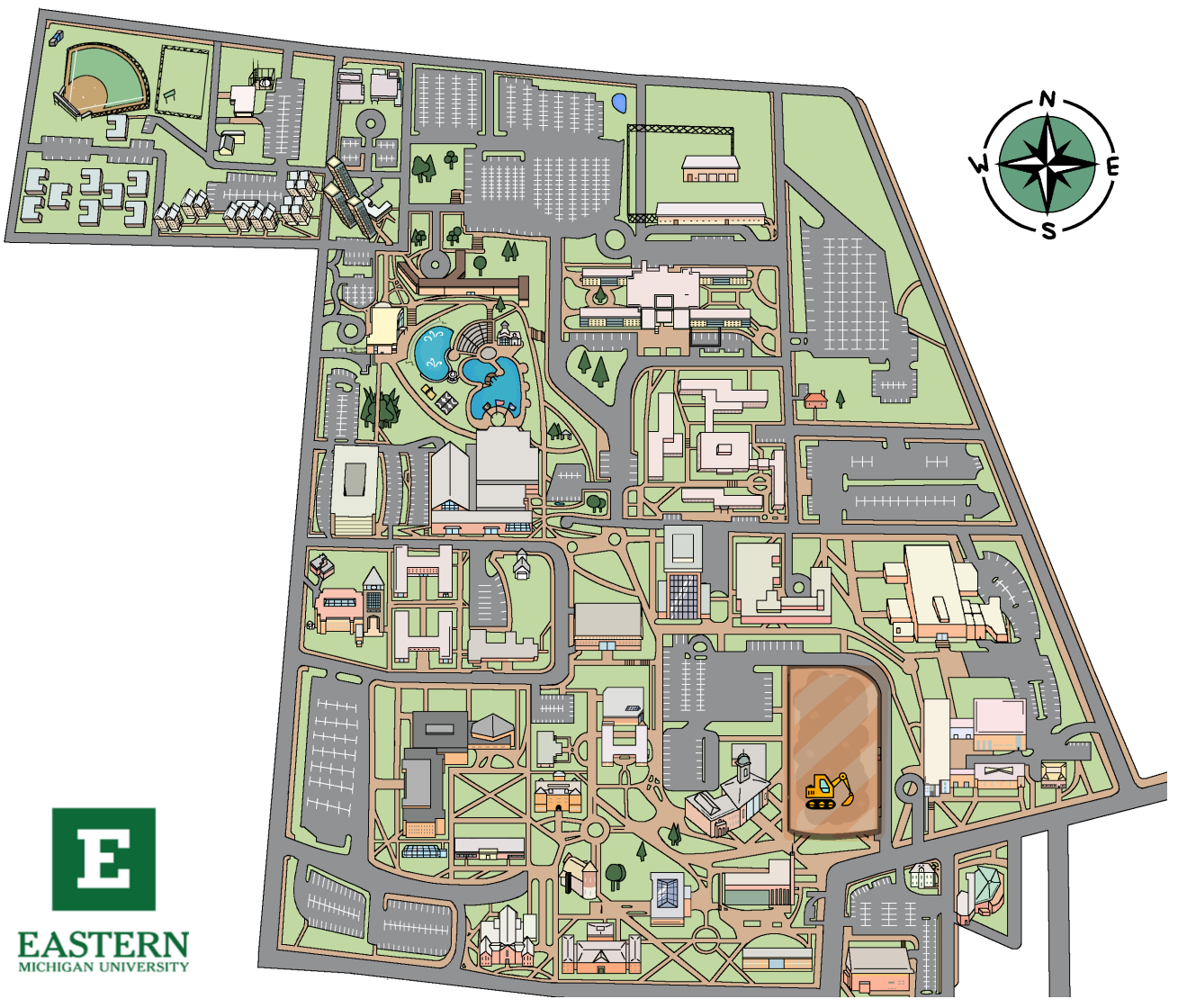

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Louie the Lightning Bug: play it safe around electricity

Korinn Perron
News Reporter

Going on the 19th year of partnership between the DTE energy foundation and the EMU foundation to deliver DTE energy's "Play it Safe around Electricity" program, this initiative strives to provide children the opportunity to learn an elementary understanding of the use of electricity and natural gas, along with other related safety concerns in an engaged and playful manner.

With the help of Louie, the program's vibrant lightning bug mascot, children aged from pre-k to early elementary are taught the principles of electrical safety and better prepared to respond to possible hazardous encounters, such as removing power cords from outlets and how to interact daily in a safe manner.

As part of the initiative, EMU students have the opportunity to take part in the program and be Louie the Lightning Bug! Traveling around communities in the lower region of Michigan, Louie gets to present in classrooms, science fairs, libraries, and so many exciting events! Other than the occasional meet and greet, the events are typically part of Safety Town, a much larger summer program geared toward teaching children road safety, fire safety, and similar concepts.

With nearly three years of experience as Louie under his belt, rising senior AbdurRahman Elder first took interest in joining the Louie team through conversation with Dr. Anita Rich, the Louie program director. As an opportunity to closely work with the youth and hone in on his improv skills, Elder decided to join the team.

"There are two primary pieces of a Louie show," Elder explains, "One who gives the presentation and one who wears the Louie costume mascot. Louie never speaks." Working as a team of two, the presentation typically begins with a book about electrical safety, featuring Louie. Using a wooden box with outlets for interpretive presentation, the pair will then teach kids to safely plug in cords, how to problem solve and safely navigate around downed power lines, and the dangers of mixing water and electricity. The presentation will then typically wrap up with a video covering relative concepts.

Rising junior media studies and journalism major, Matthew McFarlin, recently completed his first season as Louie. Acting in the EMU theatre for the Young Tour show Hare and Tortoise in 2023, he has experience traveling and performing for children. Noting there's a rough script with Louie, he adds that the improv can often be challenging. However, both McFarlin and Elder joke that the hardest part about being part of team Louie is the "secret mission" to discreetly transform into Louie. "It's this mission impossible-style stealth game of hiding who wears the suit," the two joke, adding that the children are sometimes none-the-wiser and have caught them a few times.

Older kids have been notoriously ruthless," McFarlin laughs, "but they come around in the end. They can't help but feel compelled to give the giant lightning bug a high five or hug." He details the job as extremely rewarding, noting that "the most rewarding aspect of the job is seeing the kids who wholeheartedly believe in Louie," adding that "you can almost literally see the sparkle in their eyes. It makes the early morning wake-ups worth it."

Describing that the work is helping keep children safe and happy, Elder encourages anyone to apply if they're seeking a great, fulfilling summer job. Initially on the fence about applying, McFarlin took a chance on Louie, noting that "getting a group that's eager to give Louie a high five and hug at the end of the presentation makes Louie the sweetest summer job I've ever had."

If you would love to be Louie and take part in teaching children in the community to play it safe around electricity, you can learn more here! Furthermore, contact Dr. Anita Rich by reaching out to Arich@emu.

Certified assistant dog joins EMU

Lauren Holloway
News Reporter

This fall at EMU some new feet will be walking the campus, or rather, some new paws. Tinker, a two-year-old golden retriever, will be stationed at the College of Health and Human Services as a certified assistance dog.

Tinker was trained by Paws With A Cause for two years. She was then brought to the staff at CHHS so they could learn how to work with her. Tinker passed her certification test and is officially a facility dog.

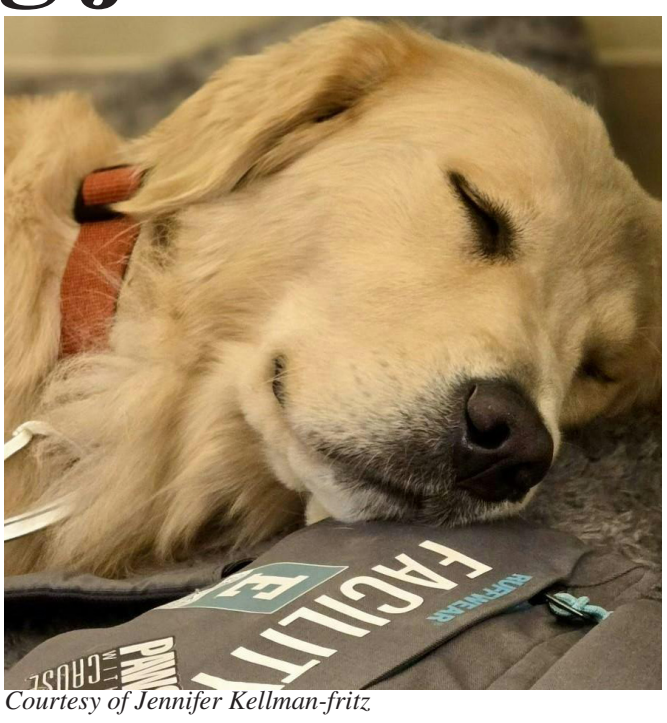
Paws With A Cause has been in operation since 1979, training dogs to increase quality of life for thousands of people. Their assistance dogs have different jobs, like service dogs for people with physical disabilities, hearing dogs for the deaf, and response dogs for those who suffer seizures.

Tinker is trained to help relieve stress and be a calming presence. "Facility dogs are known to lessen stress and anxiety and in CHHS and the library we are actively working on ways to minimize this for students, staff and faculty." said Jennifer Kellman-Fritz, Dean of the College Health and Human Services, as well as Tinker's handler. Tinker is well educated on being a loving force to those who are upset or stressed out.

This fluffy friend will be in 206B Marshall, Dean Fritz's office on Monday's and Thursday's and Halle 200, Alexis Braun Marks office at Halle Library on Tuesday's and Wednesday's. You can also look for the fancy golden strutting the sidewalks in her official facility dog vest. If you want to set up a meeting, you can contact Kellman-Fritz at jkellman@emich.edu or Alexis Braun Marks, Tinker's other handler, at abraunma@emich.edu.

Anyone who is looking for a friend is welcome to seek out Tinker. Hopefully, she won't be the only four-legged addition to campus. "We hope she will be the first of many facility dogs on campus" said Kellman-Fritz.

The positive effect of dogs on humans is not just superficial, there's a scientific reason for dogs being man's best friend. A study done by Cleveland Clinic showed that dogs improve mental health. Spending time with a loving creature can lower blood pressure and minimize cortisol, the stress hormone. Just petting a furry beast can produce dopamine and serotonin, the positive neurotransmitters in the brain that make you happy. So besides being adorable, Tinker can also help people relax and lighten their mood.



Courtesy of Jennifer Kellman-fritz

So, if you need a non-judgmental ear to listen, a fuzzy dog to pet, or just a friendly and adorable face, Tinker is your girl.

Study spots on and around campus

Emma Owens
Managing Editor

Whether you're a first-year student trying to find your footing or an experienced undergrad seeking a change of scenery, Eastern Michigan University and the city of Ypsilanti have numerous hot-spots that can transform your academic experience.

Exploring study locations gives you access to a variety of settings that can improve productivity and focus. Each location offers a different atmosphere to fit your preferred learning method; from quiet study lounges to active coffee shops and comforting libraries, choosing the right study spot may increase the efficiency and enjoyment of your study sessions.

1. Student Center

The hub of Eastern Michigan University, located on the central part of campus, is one of the liveliest buildings for students. The Center provides a wide range of eatery choices, fireplace lounges, study rooms, and seating in and outside of the building, with quiet and closed off rooms available for students to share or enjoy alone. The building is open to students Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to midnight, on Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, noon to 11 p.m.

2. Halle Library

For the use of EMU teachers, staff, and students, the Halle Library offers a range of rooms; some available to reserve in advance. These consist of classrooms, computer labs, and study spaces for both individuals and groups. The location of all available parking can be found on the Parking Map.

3. Study Lounges

Study rooms offer a quiet and dedicated space designed to enhance focus and productivity, making them ideal for concentrated work. Along with the Student Center and library lounges, each residence hall includes a designated study area that is always available for students.

4. Ypsilanti District Library

The Ypsilanti District Library is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. on Sunday, and is located at 5577 Whittaker Rd. The YDL offers study meeting rooms, open study areas, exam proctoring, drop-in and virtual writing help, and computer classes.

5. Coffee Shops

Coffee shops can be great for studying because they provide a lively yet relaxed atmosphere, a change of scenery, and a steady supply of caffeine for energy that can boost creativity and motivation. Located on Eastern's campus at the Student Center is a Starbucks with available seating for students to relax, study, and enjoy a treat. Downtown Ypsilanti, near campus, offers a few other coffee shops including Caf√© Liv, Hyperion Coffee, and Vertex Coffee Roasters, that can offer less formal settings compared to campus spaces.

6. The Greenhouse

The greenhouse is housed on Eastern's campus on the south side of the Jefferson Science Complex. Navigating through the assortment of plants will lead you to a sort of hidden gem; a nook with a table and seats. This location may be ideal for research, quiet study sessions, or spending time among the plants. This spot is open to all students on campus looking to learn or for a place to relax.

5 resources you have access to as an EMU student

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Whether you're brand new to campus or a seasoned Eagle, it always helps to know how to get a little help when you need it. Support is fundamental, especially in college, so keep reading for five resources around campus you might now have known you have access to.

Swoop's Food Pantry

Located in John and Angie Sabo Swoop's Food Pantry Room, or 100 Pierce Hall, Swoop's Food Pantry is open to all EMU community members. This includes students, staff, faculty, lectures, and recent alums. Swoop's provides food and non-food items at no cost to shoppers with a valid EID number or card. All shoppers must complete an intake form before going to the pantry. Shoppers can go in-person to the pantry or place an online order through the Swoop's order form. Swoop's Pantry Fall 2024 hours are scheduled as noon to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, and noon to 6 p.m. on Wednesday.

Career Closet

The EMU Career Closet, sponsored by the University Advising and Career Development Center, is a free shopping experience for EMU students to find and keep professional attire. The inventory is gender inclusive and the shopping experience includes a private fitting room for shoppers. All clothing items accepted by the Career Closet must meet specific criteria such as being new or gently worn, in good condition, purchased within the past five to six years, and cleaned prior to donation. The career closet does not accept ripped, torn, or damaged items. EMU students have the opportunity to take up to four pieces of clothing including shoes and accessories every semester. The EMU career closet is located in 251 McKenny and is open Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Holman Success Center

The Holman Success Center is dedicated to providing services to all students. Some of their programs include Eagle Study Tables, personal tutoring, Supplemental Instruction, Peer Academic Coaching, and Success Coaching. All of these programs are available to any EMU student and can be accessed through the Holman Success Center website or by visiting their office in G04 Halle Library. The HSC also hosts the GEAR UP and the King-Chavez-Parks programs which aim to support students heading to college.

Counseling and Psychological Services

EMU CAPS offers mental health services to EMU students at no or little cost. Students enrolled at least half time have access to individual counseling, group sessions, and educational workshops. All students in need of mental health care should fill out an intake form on the CAPS website. CAPS also offers resources for emergency assistance and self-help for students who need it.

LGBT Resource Center STI testing

EMU's LGBT Resource Center is partnered with a local community non-profit to provide free, confidential STI and HIV testing and counseling for students. Appointments are available every other THursday during the academic year and monthly during the summer. Appointments are estimated to last 35 to 45 minutes and can be scheduled online. Appointment slots are typically available up to three weeks in advance.

What's the Move? August 20-26

Hunter Johnstone
News Reporter

Check out these events happening on and around Eastern Michigan University's campus this week.

Zumba with Kadesha & Teri - Aug. 19

Get to dancing at Zumba in the Riverside Arts Center from 6-7 p.m. Classes are $7 with a student ID and $10 for a drop in

Tai Chi Class ,Äì Nine Heavens Healing Arts - Aug. 20

Learn the Yang 24 form including theory, application, breathing, energy patterns and more at the Riverside Arts Center Dance Studio from 6-7 p.m. Drop-ins are welcome.

Graduate School Orientation - Aug. 20

New admissions to the graduate school may attend an orientation to meet university administrators, graduate advisors, faculty, support staff and fellow peers. The event is on Zoom from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Summer Adult Hikes: Bumblebees - Aug. 21

Join Naturalist Elle Bogle at Northfield Woods Preserve for a hike and a chance to learn more about the many different species of bumblebees in Michigan. The event runs from 2-3:30 p.m. Register here.

CPR, AED, and First Aid Training - Aug. 21

University employees may attend free safety training in Halle Library room 300 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. To register, email kwilhoff@emich.edu. Include your name, training date, department, and EID.

Depot Town Cruise Nights & Rally in the Alley - Aug. 22

Enjoy seeing exotic and classic cars on display in Depot Town. The event is from 5-9 p.m.

Echolabs Light Industries Presents: The Fallout Shelter - Aug. 22

Check out local DJs and electronic artists at 734 Brewing Company from 7:30 p.m. to 12 a.m. The event is free with a $5 donation suggestion.

John E. Lawrence Summer Jazz Series - Aug. 23

Don't miss the final performance of the summer jazz series at Ford Lake Park from 7-9 p.m. Parking is $10.

Michigan Firehouse Museum Fire Truck Muster - Aug. 24

Go to Riverside Park and see antique fire trucks on display and enjoy activities. Admission is free and the Michigan Firehouse Museum will also have free admission for the day. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Parkridge Summerfest & Joe Dulin Community Day - Aug. 24

Celebrate the annual community day at Parkridge Park. The event is free for all ages.

The Art of Process: Longing + Belonging - Aug. 25

Work shop your creative process with Pat B Allen, a celebrated artist, author and pioneering art therapist at the top floor of the Riverside Arts Center from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Cost is $150.

Ypsilanti Township primary voters re-elect supervisor and board of trustees

Eastern Echo Staff

Giving her 71% of the vote in the primary election, Ypsilanti Township Democrats returned Brenda Stumbo to the supervisor's office, barring any write-in candidates in November.

There was no Republican candidate for the post on the primary ballot. Nor is there a Republican candidate on the Nov. 5 general election ballot. The township supervisor is elected for a four-year term.

In the August Democratic primary, challenger Alex Thomas received 28% of the vote for township supervisor. The final vote tally was 6,255 for Stumbo and 2,490 for Thomas.

Stumbo has served as both a trustee and clerk for Ypsilanti Township. Since 2008, Stumbo has been serving as supervisor. She also has experience working on multiple boards and commissions, attending neighborhood meetings, and volunteering for community events. Her campaign aims to continue economic development and financial stability within the township. Her overall goals include increasing inclusivity and input, which she plans to accomplish through heightening community engagement, youth council, and career paths with the Summer Works program. She also has goals to work toward house affordability, to continue economic business expansion, and to continue the relationship with the Water Resource Commissioner in order to get grants and implement a plan regarding stormwater systems.

In other township races, Eastern Michigan University professor Sadaf Ali, who was seeking public office for the first time, took 8.8% of the vote (2,528 votes) for a spot on the township board but failed to garner enough for a spot on the general election ballot.

The four Democratic candidates for the Ypsilanti Township Board of Trustees who took the top votes and will appear are the November ballot were:

Gloria Peterson with 4,490 votes or 15.6%

Karen Lovejoy Roe with 3,726 votes, or 12.9%

LaResha Thornton with 2,766 votes or 9.6%.

and John P. Newman II with 2,652 votes or 9.2%

Peterson currently serves as a trustee for Ypsilanti Township and as a member of the Ypsilanti Township Planning Commission. She is also a current board member of Destination Ann Arbor and the vice-chair of the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority. Peterson has previous experience as a board member of the Ypsilanti Township Park Commission, president of the University of Michigan AFSCME Local 1583, vice president of Huron Valley Labor Council AFL-CIO, a board member of United Way of Washtenaw County, a member of the Michigan Democratic State Party Central Committee, and as a board member of Michigan AFSCME Council 25. If elected, she aims to continue to ensure the township is fiscally sound, to continue to support for new businesses, to focus on job development, to support programs for youth and seniors, and to address roads and parks. She also aims for economic development, recruiting organizations, both private and nonprofit, to develop affordable housing.

Roe has a bachelor's degree in political science and Sociology and a master's degree in social science from Eastern Michigan University, graduating from Willow Run High School. She has served 12 years as clerk for Ypsilanti Township, eight years as supervisor, and eight years as trustee. She also has experience as serving as Washtenaw County Commissioner, as board member on the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority Board, and as a member on the Urban County Executive Committee. If elected, Roe aims to work toward hiring an Economic Development Director to increase businesses, restaurants, and housing in the township. She hopes to address the current amount of tax base, aiming to increase it.

Thornton has an education background in Criminal Justice, and she has experience teaching at Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility. Her campaign aims to address the current amount of affordable housing in Ypsilanti Township. If elected, she also aims to increase the accessibility of mental health services to residents of the township. She hopes to work toward securing funding for a free digital application, which would be powered by students from community universities and licensed social workers, to help increase this accessibility.

Newman II has an undergraduate degree in accounting and an MBA in management information systems from Davenport University. He has more than 25 years of experience of serving in local county government, including serving as a senior accounting analyst and finance accountant for Washtenaw County. He has also served almost 20 years as a budget analyst/department manager for Wayne County and is currently a trustee for Ypsilanti Township. If elected, he aims to create more jobs in the township through the previous sale of land, and through the use of the funds from those sales, to invest in creating a small business district, which includes the City of Ypsilanti. He also aims to continue assisting residents in connecting to services and providers. His campaign hopes to address infrastructure, and to address disparity in education.

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Ali has a doctorate's degree in communications and media from Wayne State University, a master's degree in journalism from Columbia College-Chicago, and a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Illinois-Chicago. She works as a professor in digital media and journalism at Eastern Michigan University, first starting in 2012. She has also been involved with unions since 2008, including being a member of the Graduate Employees' Organizing union while a graduate student. Since 2012, she has also been a member of EMU-AAUP, where she ran social media accounts for the union while faculty were striking in 2022. Prior to working at Eastern, Sadaf also had experience working as a television reporter for WHIZ in Ohio. If elected, she hopes to expand her current mentoring program to the community, to move toward public energy, and to clean up Ypsilanti Township's waterways through working with both federal and state partners. Her campaign also aims to increase both transparency and housing affordability in the township.

No Republicans have filed to run for trustee on the November ballot.

In other races:

Office: Ypsilanti Township Clerk, four-year term

Debbie Swanson won the Democratic nomination with 61% of the vote. The final tally was Swanson, 5,082 with Christina Benitez receiving 3,240 votes.

Swanson, who has earned both an undergraduate and master's degree, has worked as a teacher in the Willow Run Community Schools and in the Ypsilanti Community Schools districts, and she has also served for twenty years as a park commissioner. She is currently serving as a trustee for Ypsilanti Township. If elected, she aims to help accomplish the township's goals through the use of the township's budgeting process and by seeking grant funding. Overall, her campaign aims to support economic development, to review, and if needed, update the township's policies and procedures, and to stay up-to-date with procedures regarding voting.

Office: Ypsilanti Township Treasurer, four-year term

Incumbent Treasurer Stan Eldridge won the Democratic nomination to return to his office with 79% of the vote, a total of 6,274. Opponent Steve Agdomy received 1,676 votes or 21%.

Eldridge has a bachelor's degree in business administration and leadership from Concordia University, in addition to an associate's degree in criminal justice from Washtenaw Community College. He has served as Ypsilanti Township Trustee for 16 years. He has also served on the Planning Commission, the Zoning Board of Appeals, Economic Development, Retirement Board, Liquor Commission, and more. If elected, he hopes to continue to work toward a clarification on the Treasurer's Office's role. He also hopes to further increase transparency regarding the voter approved millages, and to help residents of the township who are facing financial hardships. Eldridge also emphasizes the continuation of working with entities in the community, including universities and school districts.

Office: Ypsilanti Township Park Commission Member, four-year term

The top votes for park commission members went to:

Edward Burnett, incumbent, with 4,582 or 17%

Ashley Agdorny Sanders, with 4,298 or 16%

Cassidy Creech, with 4,278 or 15.9%

Star Smith, incumbent, with 4,652, or 17.3%

Drew Crosby, with 4,519 or 16.8%

Suzanne LaFrance, with 4,346 or 16.1%

A list of the candidates running for Washtenaw County and state positions in the November general election can be accessed through the Washtenaw County website.

'Maxton Hall' gives fans something to obsess over

Mariam Fakhreddine
Review Columnist

Review

"Maxton Hall" is based on the German best-selling novel "Save Me" by Kasten Mona. It featured Harriet Herbig-Matten as Ruby Bell and Damian Hardung as James Beaufort. The show had aspects of the book and was dubbed in English, which had readers and viewers in America obsessed.

It consisted of book tropes that brought the show together and created an intriguing watch. This show consisted of six episodes on Amazon Prime Video, with a second season renewed.

Ruby Bell is a student at Maxton Hall on a scholarship. This private school will help her achieve her goal of attending the University of Oxford. While at school, she witnesses a secret between her professor and a student. This brings James Beaufort into the picture as the student is his sister, Lydia (played by Sonja Weiüer). James is a conceited heir who is determined to make Ruby silent about his sister and her professor. This determination brings the chemistry between James and Ruby alive.

Highs

The highlight of the show was how well Hardung played the arrogant heir in the role. At first, he displayed an emotionless demeanor, clearly indicating that his goal was to ruin Ruby. His character developed throughout the show into someone completely different from the beginning. This development started after he was suspended from the lacrosse team when his father caused him to spiral. His father Mortimer Beaufort (played by Fedja van Huthas) had a goal for his children, which is the opposite of what James wanted in life.

Another high was Herbig-Matten's portrayal of Ruby. Her character is this determined young woman who is smart and brave. Ruby believed in her future and in creating opportunities for herself. She does not fit in with the rich students at her school considering she is on a scholarship. The portrayal of Ruby is perfect because of the stubbornness she shows toward James.

The most intriguing aspect of this show was the chemistry between the characters Ruby and James. Their chemistry makes the show; it has the trope of enemies to lovers. The tension between the characters created a slow burn in the show.

The English setting of the show was beautiful, and Maxton Hall has a medieval appearance. The structure of the buildings were breathtaking. There was a ball in the series, for instance, that provided the impression of a prestigious private school, adding to the setting's distinctiveness.

Lows

The show has a few low points. The father had a self-perception and attitude that made him unlikable. His company's reputation mattered more to him than the aspirations of his children. On the other side, although the mother loved her children, she lacked the courage to confront her husband.

Another low was one of the friends of James Beaufort, particularly Cyril Vega (portrayed by Ben Felipe), who lacked empathy and was illiterate. His persona reflected the stereotypical party animal who is unconcerned with his life's ambitions. Though his actions in certain situations were unnecessary, he was an essential character in the show.

Verdict

"Maxton Hall" portrays itself flawlessly and maintains its interest level throughout every episode, with more highs than lows.

Rating: 9 out of 10

Crosby Field unveiled: EMU's new turf ready for action

Elena Davis
Sports Editor

In a significant moment for Eastern Michigan University, NFL star Maxx Crosby and his wife, Rachel Crosby, an EMU soccer alumna, donated one million dollars to help revamp the university's football field and other athletic programs.

The contribution has funded the removal of the existing track, installing a new playing surface and other substantial athletic improvements. In recognition of Crosby's impact, the field will be named Maxx Crosby Field.

Returning to EMU for the milestone event on June 21, three-time NFL Pro Bowler Maxx Crosby expressed his deep gratitude, crediting head coach Chris Creighton for guiding him since his teenage years.

"Every camp turned me down, but I refused to quit. I'm obsessed with what I do, and I wasn't going to take no for an answer, and I live my life that way every single day," Crosby said.

Athletic Director Scott Weatherbee praised the Crosbys' commitment, highlighting how their lead gift spurred additional contributions totaling $5.5 million last fall.

Weatherbee highlighted the renovation's significance for the football and track programs. "Our football program deserves a dedicated stadium, and our track and field programs deserve their own space. We're building a new track facility, which will be completed in September. This allows each sport to thrive without overlapping."

Creighton spoke emotionally about Crosby's journey and character.

"The Crosbys are E-Tough!" Creighton

said. "At the lowest point, and we had a low one here, you bounced back, you just said it to everybody you never quit, that's what believing is; never quitting or giving up and obsessed with being your best. As we unveil Crosby Field, it is Rachel and Maxx Crosby who have done it together, and it has not been easy. You are the epitome of who we are and what we want to be."

Creighton highlighted the deep connection between Crosby's journey and EMU football values.

"Maxx embodies our spirit. Even when others doubted him, he persevered. His unwavering commitment to excellence is what we strive for in our program," he said.

Weatherbee reflected on the journey leading to this moment. "Just a year ago, we were here inducting Maxx into the Ring of Honor. We talked about the need for new turf and the possibility of removing the track. Maxx's eyes lit up at the idea. When he and Rachel offered to help with the funding, we knew we could make it happen," he said.

Maxx Crosby also shared his vision for the future.

"You know, for me, it was about giving back," Crosby said. "I told Coach Creighton and Weatherbee that I wanted to do something big. I mean, they're talking about little things here now. We're gonna do it the right way when it's time, and we did it. So it's just the beginning."

The impact of the Crosbys' donation goes beyond the immediate renovations. It signifies a commitment to fostering a winning culture and increasing fan engagement. Crosby referenced his time at EMU and the improvements he's seen since returning.

"When I first got to Eastern, it was night and day compared to when I left. We started winning, and more people started showing up. It was tough initially, but we learned how to win and grow."

Crosby recounted his journey to EMU, which was filled with challenges and determination.

"My family, teammates, and everyone here have been part of this journey," he said. "I look for that 1% improvement every day and strive to be the best version of myself. None of this would be possible without Rachel, who has supported me every step of the way."

In a tribute to Maxx Crosby's indomitable spirit and love for the game, Eastern Michigan University has honored his NFL journey by maintaining the field turf in "Raider Gray," a color reminiscent of his tenure with the Las Vegas Raiders.

This decision celebrates Crosby's dedication to excellence and echoes his famous quote about readiness for any challenge: "We'll play anyone, anytime, anywhere, even on a parking lot covered in broken glass."

As the EMU community eagerly anticipates unveiling the new Maxx Crosby Field, the Crosbys' generosity will undoubtedly inspire future generations of athletes and foster a renewed sense of pride and engagement among students and fans.

The exclusive Crosby Field Celebration welcomed Maxx and Rachel Crosby back to their collegiate home at Eastern Michigan University, where the EMU Department of Athletics unveiled the newly renovated field. This event marked a significant milestone for Eastern Michigan Football, showcasing its freshly revamped playing surface.

Attendees had the unique opportunity to enter the brand-new field and celebrate with EMU's proud community. Individual tickets, priced at $250 each, contributed 100% of their proceeds directly to Eastern Michigan Football, bolstering its NIL and academic awards programs. Beyond honoring the Crosbys' generous donation, the event highlighted their enduring impact on EMU athletics, ensuring a promising future for student-athletes.

Donald Scott makes triple jump at Paris Olympics

Elena Davis
Sports Editor

Former Eastern Michigan University track and field standout Donald Scott recently wrapped up his second Olympic appearance in August, showcasing his talent on the world stage.

Competing in the men's triple jump, Scott secured a 14th-place finish in the preliminary round with a leap of 16.77m (55-00.00) on Wednesday, Aug. 7.

Scott, who first made waves at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics by finishing seventh with a 17.18m (56-04.50) jump, earned his spot at this year's Games through a strong performance at the U.S. Olympic Track & Field Trials. Held at Hayward Field at the University of Oregon on June 30, Scott clinched third place with a jump of 16.87m (55-04.25), punching his ticket to represent Team USA once more.

His participation in this year's Olympics continues a long-standing tradition of EMU athletes competing at the highest level. The Ypsilanti school has seen its alumni represent the Eagles in every Summer Olympics since 1960.

Donald Scott, a former EMU track and field standout, races in Paris during the 2024 Olympic summer games. Competing in the men's triple jump, Scott secured a 14th-place finish in the preliminary round Aug. 7. *Courtesy of Eastern Athletics.*

Scott's achievement also places him among an elite group of EMU athletes, becoming the eighth former Eagle to qualify for multiple Olympic teams. He follows in the footsteps of Eric Alejandro, who competed for Puerto Rico in the 2012 London and 2016 Rio de Janeiro Games.

During his time at Eastern Michigan (2010-15), Scott established himself as one of the program's all-time greats. A three-time All-American and five-time All-MAC First Team honoree, Scott still holds both the indoor and outdoor MAC meet records in the triple jump, with marks of 16.38m (53-09.00) and 16.29m (53-03.50), respectively. Additionally, he broke EMU's triple jump records five times, with his best indoor (16.84m – 55-03.00) and outdoor (16.83m – 55-02.75) performances still standing today, both set at the NCAA Championships in 2015.

Up next, the Eagles will turn their attention to the Paralympic Games, where alum Brittni Mason is slated to compete in the 100m and 200m T47 dash, further extending EMU's legacy of excellence on the global stage.

Eastern Michigan tennis welcomes Masha Polishchuk as assistant coach

Elena Davis
Sports Editor

Eastern Michigan University's head coach, Ryan Kucera, revealed on August 13 that Masha Polishchuk has been added to its tennis coaching staff as an assistant coach. Polishchuk, a former standout player at Ball State University and Texas Tech University, will join the EMU staff while pursuing her graduate degree.

"I'm thrilled to have Masha joining our coaching staff," said Kucera in an interview with Eastern Athletics. "She has an outstanding resume as a collegiate player and is a multiple-time MAC champion. Masha will bring a valuable perspective and inspiring energy to the position. I am fortunate to have her and Andrew Dobbs (student assistant coach) working with our team and am excited to see the positive impact it has on our student-athletes."

Originally from Siberia, Polishchuk came to the United States after graduating from 1282 GBOU School in Moscow, Russia, in 2020. She began her collegiate career at Ball State, playing No. 1 singles and doubles. During her time with the Cardinals, she was named the 2023 Mid-American Conference Player of the Year and earned multiple All-MAC honors, including being a first-team selection twice.

After transferring to Texas Tech, Polishchuk played No. 2 singles and doubles, helping the Red Raiders achieve a national top-25 ranking and reach the second round of the NCAA Tournament. She claimed the Big 12 title at No. 2 doubles in the spring and made significant strides in fall national events, including advancing to the semifinals at the ITA Texas Regionals.

Polishchuk graduated from Texas Tech in 2024 with a degree in University Studies, focusing on Organizational Leadership, Integrative Studies, and Computing Applications. She earned several academic honors, including being named Academic All-MAC and Academic All-Big 12, a two-time ITA Scholar-Athlete, and a College Sports Communicators Academic All-District selection.

Expressing her enthusiasm, Polishchuk stated in an interview with Eastern Athletics, "I am thankful to be back in the conference where it all started for me. I cannot wait to start working with Ryan and the players and continue to help make the program better one day at a time."

Eastern Michigan soccer kicks off new era with 1-0 home-field victory over Oakland

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Sports Editor

Eastern Michigan University's soccer team started the 2024 season with a thrilling 1-0 victory against Oakland University at Scicluna Field on Thursday, Aug. 15.

The match began a new era under first-year Head Coach Taylor Clarke, who secured his first win in his debut match.

Sophomore Cameryn Susey (Westerville, Ohio/Olentangy Berlin) scored the decisive goal in the 85th minute, assisted by sophomore Olivia Sipsock (Medina, Ohio/Medina) and junior Mary Grimes (Commerce Township, Michigan/Walled Lake Central).

Susey's shot slipped past the Oakland goalkeeper, securing the Eagles' victory. This goal marked Susey's second career goal, her first since scoring an equalizer against the University at Buffalo on October 1, 2023.

The game remained scoreless throughout the first half, with the Eagles pressing early, earning four corner kicks within the first 13 minutes. Eastern Michigan maintained their offensive pressure in the second half, ultimately outshooting Oakland 10-5 and winning the corner kick battle 9-4.

Redshirt sophomore goalkeeper Ella Holland (Dunwoody, Georgia/Dunwoody/Samford) made her mark by recording her first career clean sheet. The Eagles' defense was solid, limiting the Golden Grizzlies to five shots, with only one on target.

Several new faces debuted for the Eagles, including redshirt sophomore Sophia Baumann (Romeo, Mich./Romeo), freshman Josie Langhans (Sun Prairie, Wisconsin/Sun Prairie, Wisconsin), and freshman Tayla Maddock (Camlachie, Ontario/St. Patrick's Catholic), contributing to the team's promising start to the season.

The victory also marked a significant milestone as Eastern Michigan secured its 250th win in program history. This win was the Eagles' first season-opening clean sheet since a scoreless draw against Butler on Aug. 21, 2016, and their first season-opening victory via shutout since defeating Fordham 2-0 on Aug. 22, 2014.

The Eagles celebrated their first home victory at Scicluna Field since September 5, 2021, ending a 22-match winless streak at home. Their last home shutout was a 3-0 victory against Miami on October 18, 2018, breaking a stretch of 39 home matches without a shutout.

Eastern Michigan has a 13-8-9 record in season-opening matches and an impressive 6-1-5 mark in its last 12 home openers.

Sophomore Cameryn Susey celebrates her match-winning goal in the 85th minute, kicking off Head Coach Taylor Clarke's era with a 1-0 victory over Oakland. *Contributed*

Coach Taylor Clarke is the third head coach in the program's history and follows in the footsteps of Scott Hall, who won his first six matches in 1999.

Eastern Michigan baseball adds Andrew DiTullio

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Sports Editor

Eastern Michigan University baseball head coach Robbie Britt announced Agu. 14 the appointment of Andrew DiTullio as an assistant coach.

DiTullio previously served as the hitting coach at Division II Southern New Hampshire University. He comes to EMU after working across various levels of the sport over the past four years. During his tenure at Southern New Hampshire, DiTullio led an offense that produced a .299 batting average and propelled the team to the NCAA Division II College World Series. His leadership helped four players earn all-conference honors, four others receive all-region recognition, and one earn Division II NCAA All-American status.

"We're excited to welcome Andrew to our program," Britt said in an interview with Eastern Athletics. "He brings a wealth of experience developing student-athletes at many levels. We're excited for our student-athletes to work with someone who has a high care level for people and is committed to developing leaders both on and off the field."

DiTullio gained significant league experience as a rehab hitting coach for the Minnesota Twins' Florida Complex League (FCL) team from 2021 to 2023. There, he developed individualized practice plans that reduced the FCL team's strikeout and chase percentages. During that time, he also worked with MLB players including Royce Lewis, Alex Kirilloff, and Jorge Polanco.

DiTullio's coaching career began at Florida Atlantic University in 2021, where he assisted with hitting instruction, practice design, and baserunning. His first collegiate coaching position was at Hartford Community College, as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator. DiTullio's efforts helped the team secure a Junior College World Series spot.

A University of Central Florida graduate, DiTullio holds a bachelor's degree in Integrated Studies and has experience as a firefighter, having earned his Firefighter Certification from Indian River State College in 2020.

‘House of the Dragon’ has a fire second season

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Review Columnist

The grim fantasy world of Westeros returned this summer with the second season of “House of the Dragon” on HBO. A prequel to “Game of Thrones” set nearly two centuries beforehand, followed the Targaryens, a royal family of dragon riders, and the war brewing between them.

The show starred Emma D’Arcy and Olivia Cooke as Rhaenyra Targaryen and Alicent Hightower respectively, the two leaders of opposing sides of the conflict. The series was based on the novel “Fire & Blood” by George R.R. Martin, who also served as an executive producer. Ryan Condol served as showrunner; Condol was previously a co-showrunner on the first season.

Review

Highs

The show made the political conflict gripping by making it double as personal conflict, leaning into the complicated relationships strained by lust for power. In particular, the complex antagonism between Rhaenyra and Alicent remained a strong emotional thread, especially with both Darcy and Cooke delivering riveting performances.

These two were not the only strong actors. The show featured a large cast of actors who consistently gave great performances. These actors had memorable dialog to work with too, delivering tense conversations and making the characters fleshed out.

This season also improved how women were written in Westeros. Westeros was a patriarchal society and “Game of Thrones” was controversial for its use of sexual assault. “House of the Dragon” was notably restrained on sexual violence, especially in its second season. On top of being more tasteful, it also confirmed two women to be queer, both of whom were core characters. Though the show was still not perfect in its writing of women, in particular, it had a habit of making too many of them passive and it could have looked deeper at misogyny’s impact, it was an improvement.

There were also, indeed, many dragons.

Lows

The show at times meandered, often feeling like it was focused more on buildup than the story at hand. This led to some characters getting more screen time than they deserved, distracting from the core ones. The earlier episodes were especially too slow.

The season as a whole and many episodes also felt incomplete due to so much focus on buildup. Though it made sense to end on a cliffhanger, the show could have focused more on making episodes as a whole more satisfying mini-stories in this larger arc. This was an area where season one was better than season two.

Verdict

With a sprawling storyline and talented cast, “House of the Dragon” continued to redeem Westeros after “Game of Thrones” had a disappointing ending. The show struck a good balance of character drama and dragons, making both impactful. If the next season manages to keep the quality up, it will improve season two even more in retrospect by fulfilling the buildup.

Both the first and second seasons of “House of the Dragon” are available to stream on Max, previously called HBO Max.

Rating: 8 out of 10

'Deadpool & Wolverine' is a long awaited duo

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Review Columnist

“Deadpool & Wolverine” was directed by Shawn Levy and released on Friday, July 26. The theaters were sold out and filled with laughter. The film is the third inclusion to the Deadpool trilogy, starring Ryan Reynolds as Wade Wilson or Deadpool and Hugh Jackman as Logan or The Wolverine. “Deadpool & Wolverine” is for a mature audience only.

Review

The film centers around Wade Wilson living a civilian life after retiring from the persona of Deadpool when his world is suddenly flipped upside down and the people he cares about are put in danger. He then stumbles upon a wounded Wolverine that he must convince to help him save his loved ones.

Highs

The highs of this film are many, especially for hardcore superhero movie/comic book fans. For starters, the special effects and CGI were top-notch. Many instances of close-up fighting and action show how much the industry has advanced over time. Combining this with the dialogue and clever quips makes this movie feel like a perfect gift to fans of the genre.

Hugh Jackman brings his top performance to anything he works on, and this film is no exception. Jackman had many moments in the film that were heartfelt and emotional, which contrasted nicely with the comedic and witty energy of the film. Ryan Reynolds and the character of Deadpool go together like bread and butter. This film explores a different, humorous side of Wolverine, associated with the X-Men. However, this film demonstrated his ability to work with a different superhero outside of X-Men.

From the beginning, the film fills the audience with laughter. Reynolds was made for this role, and the more he plays it, the more it is apparent. His hilarious back-and-forth bouts with Jackman’s Wolverine are just as funny as they are clever. The two carry this film in a two-hour and seven-minute time frame that doesn’t feel long enough for fans.

Lows

This movie does not have many lows. The minimal lows center around pacing issues and a somewhat scattered and confusing plot. Initially, all is well for our main character, Wade Wilson, but he is soon dragged into a world where he must make a decision quickly and embrace the mercenary life he is known for. This seems like a simple plot, however, without going into any spoilers, the circumstances he is put in may be confusing to people who aren’t well-versed in all of the previous films or other Marvel media. A few scenes dragged on, but usually were followed up by a hilarious or action-packed scene, which made it worthwhile.

Verdict

“Deadpool & Wolverine” is one of those movies that come along once in a while that make it prideful to be a comic book fan. Regardless of that, even regular movie-goers will enjoy this movie throughout and find themselves laughing and becoming Deadpool fans themselves.

Rating: 8.5 out of 10

Final season of ‘The Umbrella Academy’ forgets to be good

Frank Remski
Review Columnist

The hit, darkly comedic Netflix series about a dysfunctional superhero family, “The Umbrella Academy,” released its fourth and final season on August 8.

Review

The show followed the misadventures of the Hargreeves, adoptive siblings raised to be superheroes. Though they rarely got along as adults, they worked together to avert the apocalypse. Time-traveling shenanigans ensued.

The fourth season saw the main cast reprising their roles, including Elliot Page as Viktor Hargreeves. The show was created by Steve Blackman who also served as a showrunner. It was based on the eponymous comic series by Gerard Way (yes, as in the lead singer of the rock band, My Chemical Romance).

Highs

There were moments when the show had what made previous seasons good. There were a couple of emotional character moments that dealt with their strained relationships. There was also memorable strangeness that was often dark and humorous. The cast remained as strong as previous seasons, infusing life into the wacky premise.

Lows

If the quality of the previous seasons was- a cliff, the final season jumped off said cliff and immediately greeted rock bottom.

Part of this was irony poisoning. Though previous seasons were often ironic and snarky, they stood strong because they knew when to be genuine, making these often messy characters shine. The best example being a scene from season one where all Hargreeves danced alone, but in the same house, to the song “I Think We’re Alone Now” by Tiffany.

Season four was often too hesitant to be genuine, even in what should have been impactful final moments, the show did not allow the audience to actually sit with the emotions. The aforementioned few good moments were few and far between.

The plot was also poorly done. Character arcs went in bizarre directions, often flattening what had been set up in previous seasons. Some characters barely even had plots in the final season. The plot was boring, going through the motions of an “Umbrella Academy” season. The world-building went from nonsensical in a creative way to nonsensical in a frustrating way, introducing random pieces of crucial information too late and reducing the whimsy element. This all led to the ending coming out of the blue.

The themes were flattened the most. Another strength of earlier seasons was that it was a show about a complicated family dynamic. These characters had been hurt and hurt each other on such deep levels, that there were always questions of how far a family bond goes and what was forgivable. This final season completely disregarded that for a more cliche message that took all of this complexity out, pretending the series had always simply been about family. No, it wasn’t, it was specifically about familial trauma. Quite frankly, the writers were wrong.

Verdict

“The Umbrella Academy” was a uniquely charming show in its previous seasons. The humor was macabre and the world was deeply strange and mysterious. The final season remembered that, albeit clumsily. But it forgot that earlier seasons also had heart. At its core, the show was about a group of deeply traumatized people, reckoning with their childhoods and complex feelings toward each other. The final season lost the plot and its heart, utterly failing the story.

Rating: 3 out of 10

'It Ends with Us,' continued from page 1

physical abuse is told in this film. A few Seemonths after one particular incident, she and Ryle fall in love. Her life as she knows it changes after 15 seconds, and it’s all over. In the movie, Atlas appears as her childhood friend. He looks after Lily and hasn’t seen her in almost ten years until he bumps into her in his Boston restaurant. She finds that running into him eases the abuse.

Highs

This film, which depicts the identical sequences from the novel, is packed with high points. The primary highlight is the early chemistry between the characters. The story of how Lily and Ryle met on the Boston rooftop is the same as the book’s opening. Lily’s Punk Flower Shop is another highlight; it performed better than anticipated. It featured a darker tone that was perfectly appropriate and was adorned with lovely flowers. The way certain book situations were depicted was another highlight. Except for when she laughed, the scenes of the first time Ryle hit Lily were exactly as envisioned.

The emotion that Lively conveyed in her portrayal of Lily Bloom was flawless. She depicted a powerful woman who was initially manipulated and endured abuse. She reacted with such emotion when she was attacked multiple times; the last time it happened was devastating. Given that Baldoni is the exact opposite of Ryle in real life and that this is a challenging role for him, he did an incredible job portraying the character. His portrayal of the character was completely consumed by his emotions, as he displayed all the symptoms of controlling Lily and being enraged and depressed.

Allysa, played by Jenny Slate, who is precisely like the character in the book, is another standout. She provides Lily with the qualities of a bubbly and delightful best friend. Their relationship was sincere and lovely. Another standout was Sklenar’s portrayal of Atlas, who was a very emotional role. He played the part of getting into a fight with Ryle, demonstrating how much he still cared for Lily despite not seeing her for a decade. Atlas and Lily had a wonderful and much-needed bond.

The final high point was seeing Grey’s Anatomy actor Kevin McKidd portray Lily’s abusive father. He said in several interviews that the part was challenging since he had to play this terrible, abusive husband. It was surprising to fans that McKidd was portraying Lily’s father. He played the character precisely as fans had imagined.

Lows

This film had very few low points. The first disappointing point is Lily’s wardrobe selections, which were random and poorly reflected her personality. It did not show this naive girl who had a punk flower shop in Boston. It simply didn’t fit right; it displayed a more tomboyish side. Her description in the book was that of a girly girl rather than a tomboy, thus it wasn’t what everyone had expected and hoped for.

Another low point was that, although the eatery was called “Bib’s” in the Atlas book, it was called “Root” in the film. This explains why Atlas chose the moniker “Everything is Better in Boston” for his restaurant. Atlas said this phrase and in the book, Lily had a magnet that had this saying on it. That was one of the primary reasons Ryle was furious at Lily, however the film did not depict this. Another disappointment was how Lily and Atlas’s story ended,Äîit wasn’t how the book depicted it.

Verdict

“It Ends with Us” is worth watching as the best-selling novel comes to life. It shows the tragedies within the abuse that was endured between Lily and her mother. This movie left fans in tears considering how deep it was.

Rating: 7.5 out of 10

Moonlight Comic: Vampire
AJ Grams

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Looking Upward
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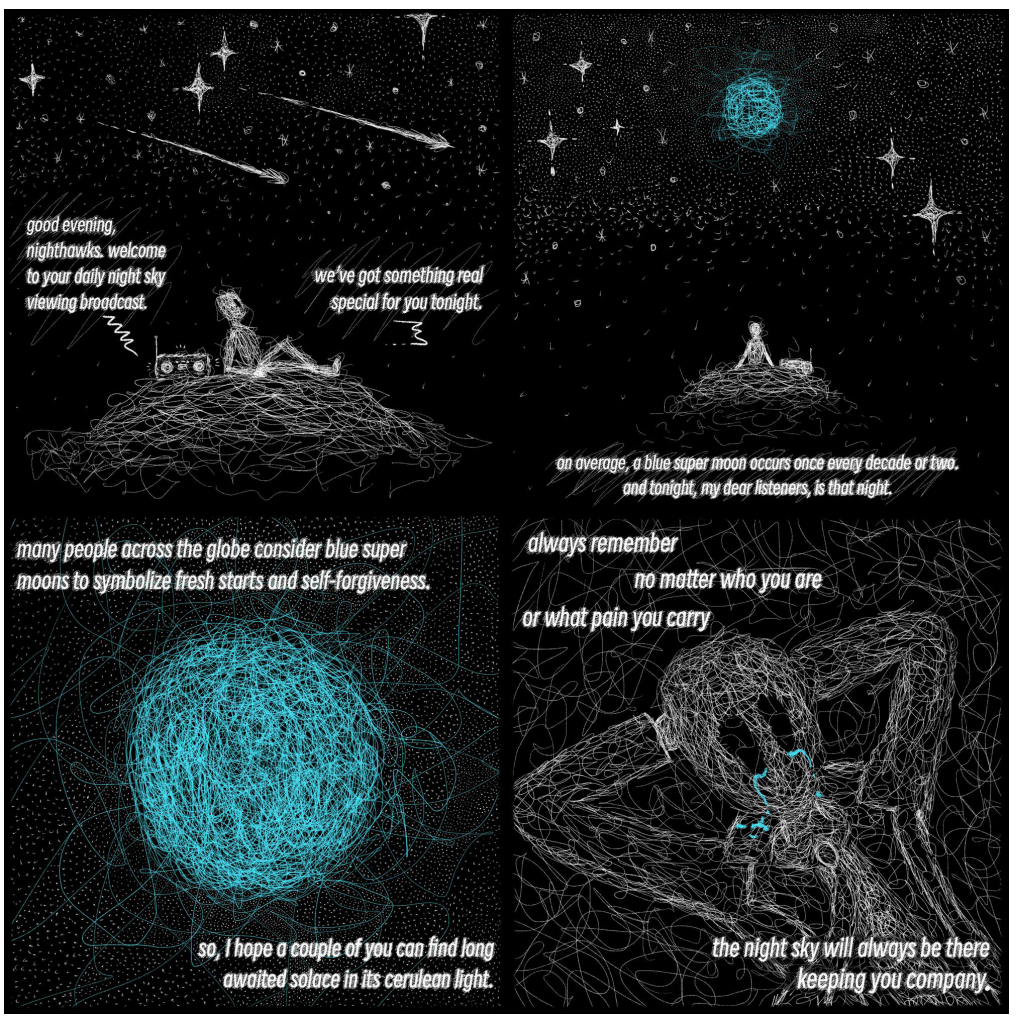
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Read the Reviews
AJ Grams

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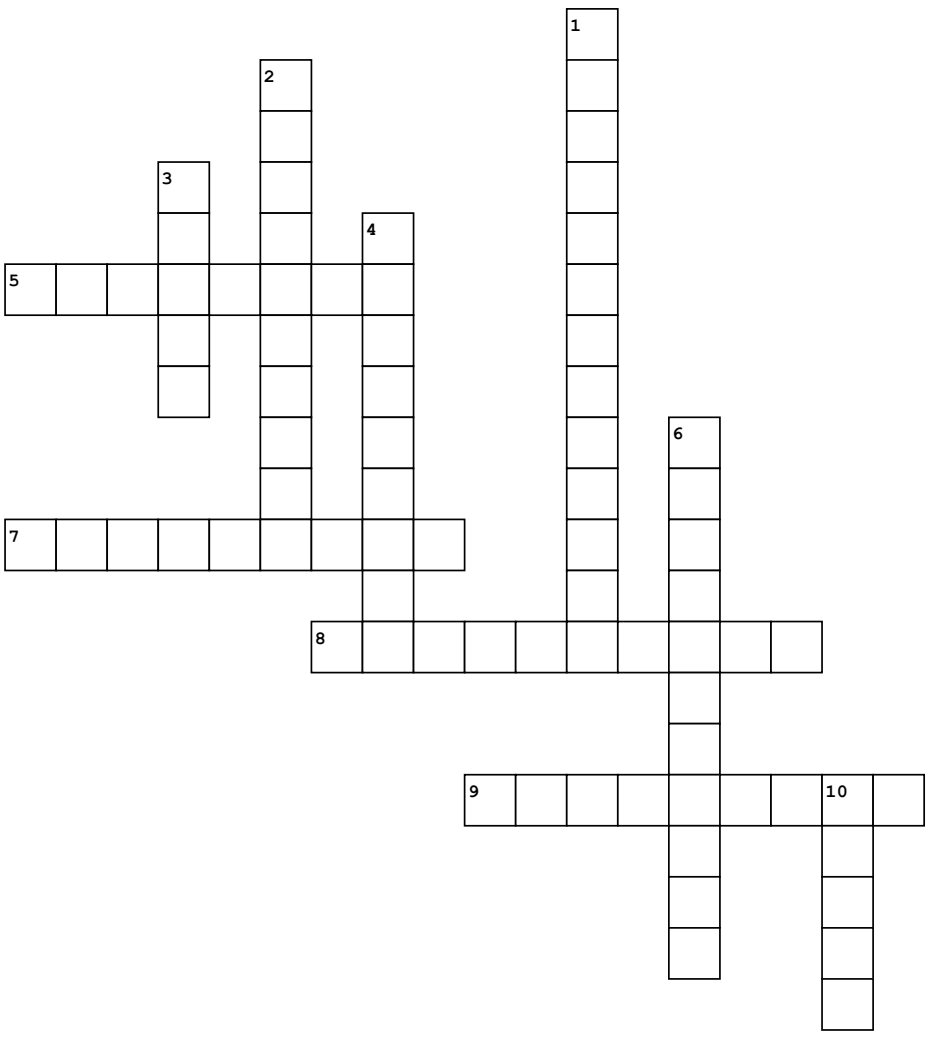

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit **www.sudoku.org.uk**

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Take a pic of a campus squirrel	Sit by Student Center firepit	Get Insomnia Cookies at night	View the EMU art galleries
Watch the sunset from University Park	Visit the koi fish pond	Get a bagel from Dom Bakeries	Join a club / student org
Ride the bus	Use an Ozzi container at the Commons	Visit a professor during office hours	See a show at Sponberg Theater

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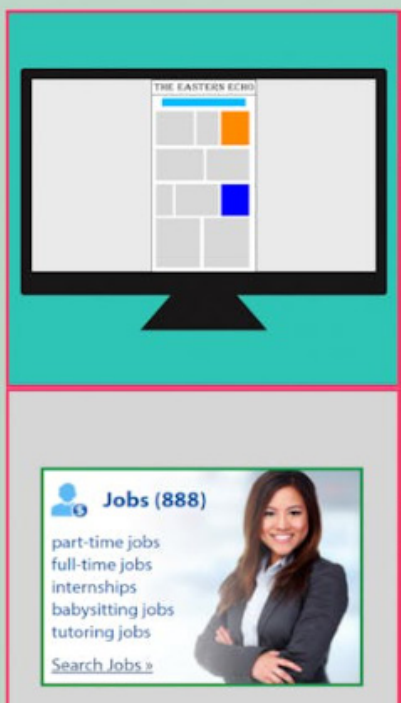

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